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The Church of God Evangel

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EVERY CREATURE MARK 16:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Characteristics of a God-sent Minister

BY MRS. H. W. POTEAT

Text: Mark 10:45, *"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."*

In reading the context to the above scripture we find that said scripture was the answer given by Jesus Himself to James and John the sons of Zebedee when they requested Jesus to give them the privilege of sitting the one on His right hand and the other on His left hand in His glory. He went on to tell them that whosoever would be the chiefest, would be servant of all.

While the high and holy calling of a God-ordained minister or worker for God is the noblest which could be conferred upon man, and should be honored and respected far beyond any executive office of this world, yet, on the other hand, those who are thus chosen by God should and must manifest the same spirit exemplified by Jesus, if their ministry is to be crowned with success.

The humble manner which marked the entrance of Jesus into this world, unheralded and unnoticed by only those in close contact with God, verified the words of the text without further comment. 'Tis true, as it is today, those consecrated believers of God's inspired Word, who were patiently awaiting the coming of the Messiah, hastened to His lowly birthplace and bestowed upon Him a portion of their temporal possessions, but as we follow Him through His short life to the crucifixion we find His a life fraught with compassion and servitude to others.

Go with me to that humble home in Bethany where in time of sorrow His great loving heart was touched and His tears mingled with those of the bereaved ones. Did He stop with a few tears of sympathy? Nay, but after being told where Lazarus was laid, He called him forth and restored him unto them. We remember it was in this same home that He reproved Martha for allowing herself to be cumbered with much serving. He had come to minister unto them the words of life and His desire was that she should take advantage of His teaching instead of bestowing so much attention upon Him.

He went about doing good and while we only have a few instances where His body became so wearied that He was forced to slip away into seclusion to get a little rest, yet doubtless, those few instances were recorded to give us a glimpse of His willingness to go His limit in strength to serve others. While we have only briefly commented upon the ministry of Jesus during His few short years here among men, we wish to say that His ministry was interrupted by the greatest sacrifice possible; namely, the ignominous death of the cross, which sacrifice was intended by His adversaries to cut short and obliterate His divine ministry, but which only served to open an avenue whereby every one who recognizes and accepts this wonderful plan of salvation may obtain power to take up and carry on in a more extensive way the work which He began.

Isa. 61:1-4 gives a good outline of what is involved in a call from the Lord. "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified."

Paul says in Rom. 1:14, "I am debtor to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise." Oh, that we as laborers together with God could realize the significance of this statement. Brother, sister, we are debtors to the class spoken of in Isaiah and with such an obligation resting upon us it behooves us to seek God for just such qualifications as will enable us to serve them best. Many times my heart is grieved when I see the growing tendency of our ministry to drift into the idea that they are to be served

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Notices

Inasmuch as we are not pastoring this year, I wish to state that we are in the evangelistic service. We are now in a meeting at Struthers, Ohio. God is blessing. Pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, J. A. Lewis, 1110 Fairfield Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

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I am an evangelist in the Church of God. If any one would like to have my service, drop me a card. God bless all of you. — Your brother in Him, E. M. Horne, Honea Path, S. C.

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To all the pastors and churches on the Cantwell, Mo. district: Let us pray much and work hard and try to get some good revivals going all over the district. Be free to call or write me your needs. I will try to help you secure an evangelist if you need one. May the Lord bless you. —Your servant, John O. Yates, district overseer, Bonne Terre, Mo.

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The district convention for the Dillon, S. C. district will convene January 28-30, 1938, D. V. We ask that each pastor put forth special efforts to have his quotas, such as aged ministers, mission, etc. The convention will begin Friday night, January 28 at 7:00 o'clock sharp. Brother A. V. Beaube, state overseer, will be with us and will have charge of the convention. We will also have Brother R. J. Johnson, our state S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent. He will have charge of the Sunday afternoon service, which will be given to the Sunday School and Y. P. E. So come on, pastors, and bring along your young people. We are expecting each church to be well represented. A basket dinner will be served at the church at noon Sunday, Jan. 30. Come and bring a well-filled basket. We invite the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be with us throughout the convention! Come all! —James R. Roberts, district overseer.

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To my friends who would like to write me, my address has been changed from Milan, Ga., Rt. 3 to Fitzgerald, Ga., Rt. 3. Those of you who might chance to be passing this way, call on us and visit the Church of God at Fitzgerald, Ga.—E. D. Douglas.

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The Church of God at Moultrie, Ga. will have a home coming day the fifth Sunday in January. All members and former pastors be sure to come. Brother J. L. McCoy is expected to be with us. All churches on the Cairo district and Union Grove, Valdosta and other nearby churches, please meet with us. Bring your music and well-filled basket. Our state overseer, Brother Jernigan, may be with us also. Services will start at 10:00 a. m. Members living at a distance, please send in your testimony for that day. Remember the date, Jan. 30.—Yours for a prosperous year in His service, Jesse K. DeGolyer, pastor, 500 E. Central Ave., Moultrie, Ga.

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Notice to all members of the church at Friendship near Charleston, Miss. You are requested to report to the clerk, Brother H. L. Williams, Charleston, Miss. Rt. 1, by February 5, as we are expecting to have conference at that time. Also send your 10c for the aged ministers' fund, also $1.00 for missions as was set for our mission goal. Please co-operate with us and let's put the program over for God and His Church.—J. B. Lindley, pastor, Crowder, Miss.

Georgia is First Over the Top on Aged Ministers Drive

Georgia with the largest number of churches is first this year to send the ten cents (10c) per member for the entire membership. We received the check dated January 3, for the balance of $464.81, which overpaid their quota $1.61. Even since receiving the large check we have received another check from there which still puts them further ahead.

Arkansas was the first last year. Just now as I am writing this for the paper here comes Brother Boehmer with the news that Arkansas has raised theirs also. So the cheers go to Brother Jernigan and the faithful ministers and workers in Georgia this year. Also cheers for little Arkansas.

I wonder who will be next!

Will it be your state? Come on let's do our best and help these worthy old soldiers of the cross. —J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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To the South Carolina people: I am ordering a supply of the Assembly Minutes and will have them with me at each district convention. If you can wait until then, I shall be glad to supply you. May God bless you in your work for Him.—A. V. Beaube, state overseer.

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The California state convention is changed from Corona, Calif. to Huntington Beach in the City Auditorium, Jan. 21-23.—J. E. Douglas, state overseer.

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Let's help bring back prohibition. Hear Sam Morris "The Voice of Temperance" Sunday morning Jan. 16, 1938 at 8:30 over WSM, 650 kilocycles; WHAS, 820 kilocycles and WJJD, 1130 kilocycles, and Sunday night, January 16, 1938 at 8:30 p. m. over XEPN, 9:15 p. m. over WLAC, 1470 kilocycles; 9:40 p. m. over WHAS, 820 kilocycles; 11:00 p. m. over XELO, 670 kilocycles.—Mrs. Isus Ivey, 1308 N. Walnut St., Champaign, Ill.

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I am open for calls for revival meetings at all times, having no encumbrance at all. I have had the baptism of the Holy Ghost for fifteen years and am well acquainted with the Scriptures, having taken a three years' Bible Course. For reference write Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer of North Carolina, 1917 Pegram St., Charlotte, N. C. Address me at Greenville, S. C., Rt. 1, c/o T. G. Tyner.—Frank McLendon.

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To the pastors and clerks of the Eupora, Miss. district: As it has fallen my lot to serve you as district pastor, I am asking you to co-operate with me by reporting promptly the first of the month, not later than the fifth, if possible. Also Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's be prompt in your reporting please.—Humbly, C. H. Gardner, district pastor, Eupora, Miss., Rt. 3.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE OVERSEER'S SLATE FOR JANUARY

We expect to visit the districts in North Carolina on the following dates: Hayesville district at Hayesville, Wednesday, January 12; West Asheville district at West Asheville, Tuesday, January 18; Lenoir district at Lenoir, Wednesday, January 19; Kannapolis district at Kannapolis, Thursday, January 20; Charlotte district at Charlotte, Friday, January 21; Greensboro district at Greensboro, Tuesday, January 25; Wilmington and Erwin districts at Erwin, Wednesday, January 26; (Wilmington district will please meet with us at Erwin); Rocky Mount district at Rocky Mount, Thursday, January 27; Washington district at Washington, Friday, January 28.

We ask all who can to attend the service on your respective district which will begin 7:00 p. m. on the above dates. We especially insist that pastors, church clerks, S. S. and Y. P. E. officials attend. Some special information and instructions will be given that will be very helpful. Let us pray earnestly that God will meet with us in a special way.—Your state overseer, E. W. Williams.

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The Vision

By "Happy" Tom Brooks

"Where there is no vision, the people perish," Prov. 29:18.

The word "vision", Webster says, is an act of seeing or actual sight. Where there is no sight or seeing the people perish. We know this is true. Why not awake and open our eyes and get the vision?

The antediluvians had no vision when a preacher of righteousness, a man of God, took the message that God gave him and began to tell the congregation God was wearied with their wicked doings, wearied insomuch that He repented that He ever made man. He began to tell them God was going to send a flood and destroy the whole earth that wasn't inside God's building. When the flood came Noah was saved and his family, but the antediluvians perished because they had no vision of God's wrath.

The Israelites, after God had led them through the sea safely, after the destroying angel passed over them and left them all well, none of them dead, no deaths in their homes and after they saw that good water come out of the flint rock, lost the vision. Every one of them that came out of Egypt except Joshua and Caleb, perished because they lost the vision.

But I see old Joshua, thank God, still keeping the vision. Why didn't he perish? He had the vision. I see him call the priests of God and tell them to get the ark of the covenant and travel. Why did he want to travel? He had the vision! What of? Of Canaan's bright and happy shore. Thank God, I can shut my eyes and almost see it. That land was well supplied with good fruits, grapes so large it took two men to carry one bunch, that land that flowed with milk and honey.

Why didn't Joshua turn back when they came to Jordan, a great muddy river, no ships or boats, no bridges, no foot logs? How did he get across? They crossed the Jordan on their vision. If they had had no vision they could not have reached Canaan's bright and happy shore. When they reached Canaan's banks, was everybody in Canaan glad to see them and gave them a good place to stay and a hearty welcome? No, no. Well, if there wasn't any welcome, why didn't they turn back, just backslide like some people of today when they are treated badly? Because they had the vision. Instead of meeting a hearty welcome, they met multitudes of enemies large as giants. What did they do? I imagine Joshua was praying one night while everything was still. He was on the banks of the Jordan and got another vision. What of, Canaan? No, of the man with a sword in his hand, a man of war. What did Joshua do, run from him? No, he went up to him and said, "Are you for us or are you for our adversaries?" That man, a man from God, or Gabriel, an angel, said, "Nay but I am captain of the Lord's host." Did Joshua and the Israelites possess that land? Yes, because they kept the vision of the promise. What promise? The promise that God made Abraham. Abraham didn't live to inhabit that land, neither did Isaac nor Jacob nor Joseph, but Joshua kept the vision and ate of the fruit of the land.

Say, if you eat of the fruit of that land you must keep the vision. Well, you will say, Happy Tom, what land are you talking about? that land that Joshua possessed? No, that land that is promised to you and me. I hear John the Revelator say he saw a sealed book. Our title is in that book; it is still sealed up, but I have the vision. Thank God, I hear John say that we shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more. Now, dear readers, since I have been a preacher I have been hungry, I have been thirsty, I have been bare of clothes, destitute of things that life demands, but, thank God, I have got the vision. He said if I would be faithful over a few things, He would make me ruler over many. If I am faithful over the Church of God at East Bernstadt, Ky., which has only thirty-seven members, He will make me to rule over many. When I get on my new suit then I will start to rule. You may say, What do you mean by your new suit? He said we would be kings and priests. Now I might get to be a king if I am faithful and raise our aged ministers' fund and our mission offerings and everything that is required at my hands, and consider each member that God has made me overseer of.

You may say, "What do you mean by considering each member of the church which you pastor?" That word "consider" means so much. It means to think on with care, to study. I had rather die an exhorter, never be able to evangelize or pastor, than to fail to consider the least member that is committed to my trust. Where there is no vision, the people perish. I have heard some say, "Boys, I sure did burst their old hides." They had no vision. I have heard preachers say, "I surely can skin goats." Yes, while they were skinning goats, they let their knife slip without consideration and killed those sweet little lambs. God help us to diligently pray for consideration. What would Jesus do? Would He skin goats or would He seek the little, weak lambs and sheep that someone has scared away from the fold?

Come on, brothers, let's consider God's government as a beautiful man whom we know, our general overseer as the head, eyes and ears; our state overseers, the shoulders, arms, hands, and breast; our district overseers the thighs and stomach; our pastors, the legs; the laity, the feet. Now isn't that a beautiful thought. You will say, Yes, for you know that is right. Then if that is true, if we don't consider the feet, how can we expect the body to stand? If you had a sore toe would you not take off your shoe and give that toe some consideration? Would you take a knife and skin that toe? If your foot was to set up blood poison, would you say, I am boss, and let that foot go? You will say, No. So remember when you are not considering the laity of your local churches, you are neglecting the feet of God's government that holds up the whole body. I know what some will say, just let those lay members go. If they don't come, I'll just get a good fiery evangelist to come and stir things up.

The evangelist is a pair of crutches. Yes, we may prop up God's government awhile with a pair of crutches, but after the feet have not had the right consideration until they become paralyzed, then the crutches, the evangelists, don't do much good. Where there is no vision, the people perish. If it wasn't for the lay members, we pastors couldn't support the district overseers, the district overseers couldn't support the state overseers, the state overseers couldn't support the general overseer. So down would come the whole thing. But, thank God, let's quit skinning goats and "bursting their old hides" and consider each local member.

Study this matter over. Jesus said if a man had a hundred sheep and one goes astray, just let it go? No, oh no. Just burst his old hide, skin it alive, preach its funeral? No sir, but if one goes astray leave the ninety and nine in the fold and seek that which has been laying out of meeting, take it up on your shoulder, and bring it in. Say, you can show that erring one so much love and it will come back and bring someone with it.

God said it is better that a millstone be hanged about our neck and we be cast in the sea, than to offend one of these little lay members. I believe the local churches should have all consideration that we can afford. Don't you? Yes! "Where there is no vision, the people perish," Prov. 29:18. O God, give us the vision!

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Editorials

Prayer

"And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil," Luke 11:1-4.

The disciples were attracted by the earnestness of the Savior in prayer, and they said, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." We notice that the Savior is careful in His instructions. He leads them into the thought of honoring the Father and being willing for His will to be done on earth. Also, they must depend on God for their sustenance, or their daily bread. The basis of prayer at this time was their relationship with God. The believer is a child of God through the new birth. The clear revelation of this fact at once establishes the reasonableness of prayer, the reasonableness against which the argument of the natural law shadows. God is more than a Creator, bringing a universe into being and establishing laws for it; more than a decree maker, determining future events by His eternal power.

THE IMPORTUNATE FRIEND

In Luke 11:5-10 we have the secret of Jesus' instructions concerning prayer. He starts out by saying, "Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight." This friend of course represents our heavenly Father, and the importunate man or the one making the plea for help represents the Christian in prayer to God for his needy friend. "And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not." He leaves the thought that the intercessor should not be discouraged though the heavenly Father treats his petition with indifference. He should be all the more in earnest and keep knocking or praying until his prayers are answered. There is one thing that will be well for us to note, and that is that this man was not pleading for bread for himself, but it was for his friend. This friend certainly represents the one who is in need of spiritual food. And the man would not be turned away by the indifference of the man from within. Jesus said, "Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth." Here we see that the petitioner, by faith, in holding on to God, can get anything that he needs. Jesus did not give ironclad rules for prayer, but He does teach intercessory prayer, or travail of soul. Many times our prayers are a mere form, but when we get in earnest and the Spirit works, we can prevail with God and we can get an answer to our prayers.

SOLICITUDE FOR SOULS

"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart," Rom. 9:1, 2.

Here Paul is in earnest for the salvation of the Jews at Rome. He calls them his kinsmen according to the flesh. Think of his desire being so great that he would be willing to be accursed from Christ for their salvation. This certainly shows Paul's interest in the salvation of the lost. This is what we term travail of soul. If the Church would become so interested in the salvation of the lost until they would feel that they would be willing to sacrifice for them, it would bring a great revival in the world. Paul's zeal for the Jews in Rome was so great that he could not rest until he reached the place and told them of Jesus and His love.

In verse 4 he also includes the Israelites who are adopted into the family of God by faith. These of course would be the spiritual children of Abraham. I do not believe in reading prayers from a ritual, or having any special form of prayer, but when the Spirit moves us to the extent that we become in earnest about the salvation of the lost or the spiritual condition of the Church, I believe God will make our prayers effective and the spirit will help us with groanings that cannot be uttered.

PRAYER FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting," 1 Tim. 2:8.

The time of prayer for the community is very important. We feel that quite often this time is spent in testifying and exhorting when it should be spent in prayer. At least once a week the church and community should come together for the sole purpose of prayer. It is all right to read a chapter and sing some good songs, but I am sure that there should be much time spent in prayer. When I first got into the holiness way, we met at least once a week to pray and quite often there was nothing done except dropping to our knees and praying. I have known this to continue until three o'clock in the morning without any shouts or songs, but actual interceding with God. I believe if this was taken up again, there would be more victory and power in the local church. It is necessary to testify and praise the Lord, but this takes up the greater part of the time set apart for prayer each week. There is nothing so elevating to the Christian as real, intercessory prayer. When the Spirit takes possession and we are led into deep meditation and thought and God begins to reveal Himself, this will certainly attract those who are careless, and also the unsaved, and will deepen them into God.

READING THE WORD AND PRAYER IN THE HOME

It has been a custom since God's call to Abraham to have prayer in the home. There is nothing that will make as lasting an impression on the mind of a child as the reading of the Word and prayer at the close of the day. The Methodist people used to have prayer three times a day, especially in the evening. I have known children to meet and wait for prayer while the parents were busy with the chores, and go to sleep in their chairs, but not one of them would even think of going to bed until after prayer. I remember one time a little girl was sick and after giving her her nourishment her mother forgot about praying with her. The little child cried out to

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The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

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World Revolution

Russia remains a boiling volcano ready to burst. Five weeks after their seizure of power the Soviet rulers signed a decree (No. 13, Dec. 13, 1917) assigning 2,000,000 gold rubles for the "needs of the revolutionary international movement," and in order to finance revolutions "in all countries." The U. S. S. R. has continued its hostile declarations and acts without ceasing. The five-year plan was announced by the vice-chairman of the U. S. S. R. State Planning Commission as a "great plan of world revolution" (Provda, Aug. 29, 1929). In February, 1935, Stalin declared that the five-year plan "when completed will overturn the whole world." The chief speakers at the recent Pan-Soviet Literary Congress have urged their foreign hearers "to undermine their own governments" (London Times, Sept. 1, 1934).—*D. M. Panton.*

Fortifying Palestine

It is said, on what seems to be good authority, that Palestine is evidently alive to the possibilities of attack. The military authorities of Great Britain are very active in establishing fortifications along the seacoast. Big guns have been mounted and there are also several anti-aircraft guns in reserve. Some day, as we know from the Scripture, the land of Israel will be the object of a great attack from the outside.

Magazines

Our land is deluged with vicious publications. Many have been suppressed by law because they are so immoral. Books and magazines are filled with hideous vice. They are found everywhere on the newsstands with colored pictures on the covers to attract the eye. Magazines with more than 50,000,000 copies in circulation have been found to be utterly evil in influence. The world is on the downward grade and attaining momentum every day, going faster and faster as this world is plunging nearer and nearer to the great tribulation. Movies, magazines, liquor and cigarette smoking are the downward go to our young people.—*P. H. Advocate.*

Samson

Samson caught 300 foxes, set their tails on fire and turned them loose in the Philistines' corn field and burned them up. He slew a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. He broke the cords of withes, pulled up the gate posts, and ran away with the loom swinging to the locks of his head. But he backslid and his enemies bound him and put his eyes out and made him make sport for them. When a preacher backslides the devil sends him out to make sport for the people. Samson with his eyes open was a terror to his enemies, with them out he made sport for them. So with the preachers of all ages.—*Bud Robinson.*

Getting Ahead of Whom

Our business in life is not to get ahead of other people but to get ahead of ourselves, to break our own record, to outstrip our yesterdays by todays, to bear our trials more beautifully than we ever dreamed we could, to whip the tempter inside and out as we never whipped him before, to give as we never have given, to do our work with more force and a finer finish than ever. This is the true idea—to get ahead of ourselves. To beat some one else in a game, or to be beaten, may mean much or little. To beat our own game means a great deal. Whether we win or not we are playing better than we ever did before, and that's the point after all—to play a better game of life, make it count for more to ourselves, to others, and to God.

"The effectual, fervent prayer" of one righteous man "availeth much," but how much more the combined prayers of a group united in the Spirit?

There can be no disappointment to the man whose will is absolutely absorbed in the will of God.

Many false teachers and false prophets are gone out into the world of today. Happy the man who is wise enough that he "knows the joyful sound" of the truth.

More Suffering for Jesus

The lot of the Jew has never been a happy one, for long at a time. In many old world countries today their condition is deplorable—a blot on the spirit of man's tolerance for man.

Poland apparently permits the Jew an opportunity to live as other humans, but it is only a surface tolerance. The condition of the Polish Jew is, if any thing, even worse than that of his racial brother under Nazi persecutions.

In Palestine, the home of his fathers, he is the target for Arab bullets.

News now comes that Russia has openly joined the anti-Semites. Early exile of the Jewish population, some 1,500,000 is expected.

Premier Goga has declared that he intends to "clear out" the race. If he follows his plan, the plight of the exiles will be terrible. Surrounding countries, alarmed at Goga's declaration, are preparing to keep them from their borders.

Where can the unfortunate go? They are not even welcome in the Palestine of their forebears.

Another case of man's inhumanity to man, another problem to tax the ingenuity and the purses of the American Jewry, who have been zealous and untiring in the work of being their brother's keeper.

We are more and more reminded of the prophecies concerning Jacob's day of trouble. Let us pray for the Jew.

"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord," Psa. 31:24. A discouraged Christian is a defeated Christian. There is more about us to encourage us than there is to discourage. Take stock, count over your blessings and the mercies of God in your life.

Much Encouraged

GILKEY, N. C.—We praise God for His goodness and mercifulness to us. The Lord has been blessing wonderfully in Rutherfordton, N. C., also in Nealsville, N. C. God is saving, sanctifying and filling with the precoius Holy Ghost and adding to the dear old Church of God.

The Lord has especially blessed our church in Rutherfordton. He has saved every one of our music boys and added them to the church. We ask you to pray much that the Lord will keep us all in the center of His will.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed my home. I am saved and sanctified and praying daily that I will be filled with the precious Holy Ghost. My wife is saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and has the gift of divine healing. The Lord has wonderfully saved and sanctified my stepdaughter. Be sure to remember my two little children, a girl and a boy, in prayer, this is their request.

I praise the Lord for His healing power. He instantly healed me the other night by my fireside. I was so amazed over it. Praise His good name for what He means to us.

Please pray that we will be ready to go in the rapture with Him.—Your brother in Christ, J. J. Brooks and family.

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Editorials

Prayer

"And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil," Luke 11:1-4.

The disciples were attracted by the earnestness of the Savior in prayer, and they said, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." We notice that the Savior is careful in His instructions. He leads them into the thought of honoring the Father and being willing for His will to be done on earth. Also, they must depend on God for their sustenance, or their daily bread. The basis of prayer at this time was their relationship with God. The believer is a child of God through the new birth. The clear revelation of this fact at once establishes the reasonableness of prayer, the reasonableness against which the argument of the natural law shadows. God is more than a Creator, bringing a universe into being and establishing laws for it; more than a decree maker, determining future events by His eternal power.

THE IMPORTUNATE FRIEND

In Luke 11:5-10 we have the secret of Jesus' instructions concerning prayer. He starts out by saying, "Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight." This friend of course represents our heavenly Father, and the importunate man or the one making the plea for help represents the Christian in prayer to God for his needy friend. "And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not." He leaves the thought that the intercessor should not be discouraged though the heavenly Father treats his petition with indifference. He should be all the more in earnest and keep knocking or praying until his prayers are answered. There is one thing that will be well for us to note, and that is that this man was not pleading for bread for himself, but it was for his friend. This friend certainly represents the one who is in need of spiritual food. And the man would not be turned away by the indifference of the man from within. Jesus said, "Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth." Here we see that the petitioner, by faith, in holding on to God, can get anything that he needs. Jesus did not give ironclad rules for prayer, but He does teach intercessory prayer, or travail of soul. Many times our prayers are a mere form, but when we get in earnest and the Spirit works, we can prevail with God and we can get an answer to our prayers.

SOLICITUDE FOR SOULS

"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart," Rom. 9:1, 2.

Here Paul is in earnest for the salvation of the Jews at Rome. He calls them his kinsmen according to the flesh. Think of his desire being so great that he would be willing to be accursed from Christ for their salvation. This certainly shows Paul's interest in the salvation of the lost. This is what we term travail of soul. If the Church would become so interested in the salvation of the lost until they would feel that they would be willing to sacrifice for them, it would bring a great revival in the world. Paul's zeal for the Jews in Rome was so great that he could not rest until he reached the place and told them of Jesus and His love.

In verse 4 he also includes the Israelites who are adopted into the family of God by faith. These of course would be the spiritual children of Abraham. I do not believe in reading prayers from a ritual, or having any special form of prayer, but when the Spirit moves us to the extent that we become in earnest about the salvation of the lost or the spiritual condition of the Church, I believe God will make our prayers effective and the spirit will help us with groanings that cannot be uttered.

PRAYER FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting," 1 Tim. 2:8.

The time of prayer for the community is very important. We feel that quite often this time is spent in testifying and exhorting when it should be spent in prayer. At least once a week the church and community should come together for the sole purpose of prayer. It is all right to read a chapter and sing some good songs, but I am sure that there should be much time spent in prayer. When I first got into the holiness way, we met at least once a week to pray and quite often there was nothing done except dropping to our knees and praying. I have known this to continue until three o'clock in the morning without any shouts or songs, but actual interceding with God. I believe if this was taken up again, there would be more victory and power in the local church. It is necessary to testify and praise the Lord, but this takes up the greater part of the time set apart for prayer each week. There is nothing so elevating to the Christian as real, intercessory prayer. When the Spirit takes possession and we are led into deep meditation and thought and God begins to reveal Himself, this will certainly attract those who are careless, and also the unsaved, and will deepen them into God.

READING THE WORD AND PRAYER IN THE HOME

It has been a custom since God's call to Abraham to have prayer in the home. There is nothing that will make as lasting an impression on the mind of a child as the reading of the Word and prayer at the close of the day. The Methodist people used to have prayer three times a day, especially in the evening. I have known children to meet and wait for prayer while the parents were busy with the chores, and go to sleep in their chairs, but not one of them would even think of going to bed until after prayer. I remember one time a little girl was sick and after giving her her nourishment her mother forgot about praying with her. The little child cried out to

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The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

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World Revolution

Russia remains a boiling volcano ready to burst. Five weeks after their seizure of power the Soviet rulers signed a decree (No. 13, Dec. 13, 1917) assigning 2,000,000 gold rubles for the "needs of the revolutionary international movement," and in order to finance revolutions "in all countries." The U. S. S. R. has continued its hostile declarations and acts without ceasing. The five-year plan was announced by the vice-chairman of the U. S. S. R. State Planning Commission as a "great plan of world revolution" (Provda, Aug. 29, 1929). In February, 1935, Stalin declared that the five-year plan "when completed will overturn the whole world." The chief speakers at the recent Pan-Soviet Literary Congress have urged their foreign hearers "to undermine their own governments" (London Times, Sept. 1, 1934).—*D. M. Panton.*

Fortifying Palestine

It is said, on what seems to be good authority, that Palestine is evidently alive to the possibilities of attack. The military authorities of Great Britain are very active in establishing fortifications along the seacoast. Big guns have been mounted and there are also several anti-aircraft guns in reserve. Some day, as we know from the Scripture, the land of Israel will be the object of a great attack from the outside.

Magazines

Our land is deluged with vicious publications. Many have been suppressed by law because they are so immoral. Books and magazines are filled with hideous vice. They are found everywhere on the newsstands with colored pictures on the covers to attract the eye. Magazines with more than 50,000,000 copies in circulation have been found to be utterly evil in influence. The world is on the downward grade and attaining momentum every day, going faster and faster as this world is plunging nearer and nearer to the great tribulation. Movies, magazines, liquor and cigarette smoking are the downward go to our young people.—*P. H. Advocate.*

Samson

Samson caught 300 foxes, set their tails on fire and turned them loose in the Philistines' corn field and burned them up. He slew a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. He broke the cords of withes, pulled up the gate posts, and ran away with the loom swinging to the locks of his head. But he backslid and his enemies bound him and put his eyes out and made him make sport for them. When a preacher backslides the devil sends him out to make sport for the people. Samson with his eyes open was a terror to his enemies, with them out he made sport for them. So with the preachers of all ages.—*Bud Robinson.*

Getting Ahead of Whom

Our business in life is not to get ahead of other people but to get ahead of ourselves, to break our own record, to outstrip our yesterdays by todays, to bear our trials more beautifully than we ever dreamed we could, to whip the tempter inside and out as we never whipped him before, to give as we never have given, to do our work with more force and a finer finish than ever. This is the true idea—to get ahead of ourselves. To beat some one else in a game, or to be beaten, may mean much or little. To beat our own game means a great deal. Whether we win or not we are playing better than we ever did before, and that's the point after all—to play a better game of life, make it count for more to ourselves, to others, and to God.

"The effectual, fervent prayer" of one righteous man "availeth much," but how much more the combined prayers of a group united in the Spirit?

There can be no disappointment to the man whose will is absolutely absorbed in the will of God.

Many false teachers and false prophets are gone out into the world of today. Happy the man who is wise enough that he "knows the joyful sound" of the truth.

More Suffering for Jesus

The lot of the Jew has never been a happy one, for long at a time. In many old world countries today their condition is deplorable—a blot on the spirit of man's tolerance for man.

Poland apparently permits the Jew an opportunity to live as other humans, but it is only a surface tolerance. The condition of the Polish Jew is, if any thing, even worse than that of his racial brother under Nazi persecutions.

In Palestine, the home of his fathers, he is the target for Arab bullets.

News now comes that Russia has openly joined the anti-Semites. Early exile of the Jewish population, some 1,500,000 is expected.

Premier Goga has declared that he intends to "clear out" the race. If he follows his plan, the plight of the exiles will be terrible. Surrounding countries, alarmed at Goga's declaration, are preparing to keep them from their borders.

Where can the unfortunate go? They are not even welcome in the Palestine of their forebears.

Another case of man's inhumanity to man, another problem to tax the ingenuity and the purses of the American Jewry, who have been zealous and untiring in the work of being their brother's keeper.

We are more and more reminded of the prophecies concerning Jacob's day of trouble. Let us pray for the Jew.

"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord," Psa. 31:24. A discouraged Christian is a defeated Christian. There is more about us to encourage us than there is to discourage. Take stock, count over your blessings and the mercies of God in your life.

Much Encouraged

GILKEY, N. C.—We praise God for His goodness and mercifulness to us. The Lord has been blessing wonderfully in Rutherfordton, N. C., also in Nealsville, N. C. God is saving, sanctifying and filling with the precoius Holy Ghost and adding to the dear old Church of God.

The Lord has especially blessed our church in Rutherfordton. He has saved every one of our music boys and added them to the church. We ask you to pray much that the Lord will keep us all in the center of His will.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed my home. I am saved and sanctified and praying daily that I will be filled with the precious Holy Ghost. My wife is saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and has the gift of divine healing. The Lord has wonderfully saved and sanctified my stepdaughter. Be sure to remember my two little children, a girl and a boy, in prayer, this is their request.

I praise the Lord for His healing power. He instantly healed me the other night by my fireside. I was so amazed over it. Praise His good name for what He means to us.

Please pray that we will be ready to go in the rapture with Him.—Your brother in Christ, J. J. Brooks and family.

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

A LETTER FROM CHINA

Bethany Mission, Shantung, China
November 15, 1937

Much beloved brethren and coworkers, greetings in His name. In words I cannot tell you the joy of my heart because God has chosen the Church of God Mission Board and given them judgment and wisdom, so let me thank you for my appointment. As I went to God in prayer it came to me. Many a waiting hour was needful to enrich the harp of David. It has taken seven long years of believing prayer to be called into the fellowship of the Church of God. There were many cries for God's help, at last a faint hope in God's goodness blossomed —a letter from Brother J. H. Ingram. Thanking and praising God, with joy we did await his coming, yet there was still one more string needed to complete our harp. The war, the outrages of the wicked, did stop our brother's journey, but his letter written in Shanghai was to us like a voice from heaven. To await for God and to suffer His will, is to know Him in the fellowship of His suffering. So a few more waiting hours in the wilderness did gather for us psalms of thanksgiving and the voice of melody, to cheer the hearts of fainting ones here in dark China.

We are doing more good than we know, sowing seeds, starting streamlets, giving men true thoughts of Christ, to which they will refer one day as the first things that started them thinking of Him, our Lord and Savior, and for my part, I shall be satisfied if no stone marks my grave, but that simple souls shall gather there when I am gone, and say, Here rests the body of the man that spake words about Christ which led me to know Him for myself, as Savior.

The distressed land of China faces grave difficulties, but whilst her frontiers are beset by armed forces and her people subjected to all the horrors of warfare, we, with His help, in the name of The Church of God, proclaim the gospel of peace, and here I call for the prayers of the saints that the proclamation of the gospel may not be hindered. Pray, for almost daily Japanese planes are flying over us. We at times hear the roar of guns and many a sad story is told, heart-breaking stories. Oh, saints of God, awake. Remember, Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. This old world is on the down grade. Elisha's prayer we need to pray for ourselves and for one another. "Lord, open our eyes that we may see" the need of the world all around us. The Church of God is full of God's horses and chariots waiting to carry us to places of glorious victory. Oh, believe me, there is a power that can make us (The Church of God) victors in the strife. There are heights to be reached where we can look down and over the way we have come, and sing our song of triumph on this side of heaven.

For every token of your fellowship, I am deeply grateful.

Yours in the calling of the Lord, and Church of God,

PAUL C. PITT.

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Greetings from the Bahamas

Dear Evangel family: We have been a little busy since arriving from our great Annual Assembly, but the spirit of that great meeting is yet in our minds and even our whole being, and we have started to look forward to the opportunity of meeting in our next annual feast which we feel will be greater, D. V.

Well, we have started our year's work and have made good offers to our workers to encourage them to do their best this Assembly year. We have already held two district meetings and the dear Lord has blessed us in these services.

Dear readers, on the third week in January, 1938, D. V., we will be assembled together from the outer islands in our 18th Annual Convention in the beautiful city of Nassau, the capital of the Bahama group. This is another opportunity for you to visit these beautiful islands and most of all to get a touch of those blessings that come down upon us in these special times. You shall also hear some real good preaching and some of the best vocal music that ever fell upon your ear. Come and be with us from Jan. 20-23 and then catch the aeroplane on Monday afternoon and be home again early that week, D. V. There are also large boats plying between here and Miami at least twice a week and the accommodations are fine. If you are not able to come, please breathe a prayer for us that the dear Lord will grant us His richest blessings.—Yours for the great Church of God, William R. Franks, overseer of Bahamas.

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Notice

To the Evangel coworkers everywhere: I received $2.00 from someone. There was no letter to let me know from whom it came. I notice the envelope had on it North Dakota and signed Mr. Zeno C. Tharp, sec.; A. W. Rigby, overseer, Grand Turks Island, B. W. I. Please write me who you are and I will co-operate with you at once.—A. W. Rigby, overseer, Grand Turks Island, B. W. I.

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A Request

Dear readers, grace, mercy and peace be multiplied unto you from God our Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

It is our earnest desire to yield ourselves entirely to God that He may glorify Himself in us and that we may be glorified in Him through Jesus Christ. Our family consists of two adults and three children, also a sister has been with us now for nearly six years. All six of us have come back to the Church, but more especially back and closer to God.

I am a chiropractor, also a druggist, but am sorely in need of work and especially request the prayers of the saints on my behalf in this connection. Pray also for the complete healing of my body which God has promised to do. Bless His name! Pray for the healing of the body of the sister who is residing with us, and kindly send us two anointed handkerchiefs.

May the blessing, wisdom and love of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you, making your labors acceptable in His sight is my prayer.—Yours by His abundant mercy and grace, A. W. Howell Rock, Wellington St., No. 5, Bridgetown, Barbados, B. W. I.

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Dedication at Long Bay Church, St. Phillip, Barbados, B. W. I.

Ten feet having been added to the length of the church, Sunday, Nov. 28, was fixed as the date for the rededication of the building to the service of God and the glory of His name.

At the appointed hour a large number of the saints, including Bishop C. N. Ford, Bishop J. H. Marshall and Brother J. B. Winter, evangelist, left by bus from the Eckstein church for Long Bay, a distance of thirteen or fourteen miles from the city. On arrival happy greetings were exchanged and an interested body of saints assembled to witness the service.

Conducted by Bishop Ford, the service opened with a hymn, followed by prayer by Elder Harding. The congregation then stood and sang another song. Next followed the reading of the scripture lesson from 2 Chron. 6:18-34 by Bishop Marshall.

The preaching of the dedicatory sermon fell to Brother Winter. Using as his

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Bible School Echoes

An Echo from the Northwest Bible School

Greetings from the students of the Northwest Bible and Music Academy of Lemmon, S. Dak.

We praise the Lord for His goodness to us, for giving us the privilege of attending Bible School. The Lord has been blessing our souls and thus far six have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Those who came to Bible School unsaved are now rejoicing in the Lord. We request the prayers of the readers that the rest of the students may be filled with the Holy Spirit before the term ends that they may have more power with God and be a greater light to the world.

A wide range of subjects is being offered, including a commercial course, and we have a very capable faculty which is doing full justice to the subjects being taught.

The fellowship, which is enjoyed here in Bible School, cannot be expressed in words, but can only be enjoyed where Jesus Christ reigns uppermost in each heart.

We want everyone to know that there is a great number of consecrated young people in the Northwest who have a zeal for God, and if the Lord tarries, the great Church of God will hear more about them and their influence will be felt.

Pray for us and give us your support. —Henrietta Sanders, school correspondent.

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Apostasy

2 Tim. 3:14, *"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou has learned them."*

Why is apostasy so prevalent in Christian ranks today? Why do people refuse to walk in the light of truths which they have been assured of? Why, in the Church of God, do we have ministers who deliberately show signs of rejecting revealed truth? These are questions of serious import not to be considered lightly or considered liberally as though asked without unfounded basis.

Someone may say, "Never in this world can uniformity of opinion be expected." Exactly true, but in the "Church of God" uniformity of *doctrine* fundamental to its spiritual progress is indispensable. Do we have it? Why not? Did the Church ever have it? Why don't we have it today? Too many have failed to continue in the light of truths once learned and assured of. Failure of continuation in revealed truth brings about apostasy or deliberate rejection of revealed truth.

Failure of continuation in truth revealed subtly justifies compromise of that which seems rigid in its original form, and different from that taught by other Christian groups or denominations who, seemingly, progress far in advance of the Church of God.

O apostasy, thy grip is strengthened when the Church of God resorts to comparison of itself with other Christian bodies whose compromise is sufficient to decoy the crowd and finance of the critical world. Yet, many will persist in compromising because they have lost their vision, lost contact with the leadership of the Holy Ghost and it remains to be seen what the inevitable result will be. Are you, my friend, awake and aware of the subtle yet monstrous danger of the looming deadly apostasy which is warily enshrouding the innocent, confident, trusting people in the Church of God?

Human wisdom and natural ability is fast supplanting the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit in the Church of God today. If ever a crucial time demanded prayer for divine guidance, surely this is the time. Note seriously the man who condemns divine guidance through the agency of the Holy Ghost. Note seriously those men who would compromise on the doctrine of sanctification as a second definite work of grace. What could their motive for such a step be? Compromise on one great fundamental doctrine of the Church of God justifies another. Where have they compromised previous to compromise on sanctification? Consider prayerfully and seriously.

You say, "I knew nothing about such compromise on sanctification." The reason why is because the compromise is subtly advanced and carefully guarded and yet cannot be hidden from observing minds awake to danger so destructive.

The results of apostasy are awful. One is not immediately severed from God in disobedience but is condemned. If persistent in disobedience he may be completely severed from the grace of God. Persistent disobedience will cause one to backslide, but a backslider may have an advocate with the Father and the joys of salvation restored, but why apostatize? Let us continue in the truth!—Geo. H. Poteat.

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Friday Afternoon Service

The service today is conducted by Brother Alex Sittner of South Dakota. He calls on Brother Marvin Little to lead the singing. The schoolroom rings as they sing the old favorite songs, "In the Sweet By and By" and "I Am Bound for the Promised Land." As they sing and clap their hands the Spirit of God pervades and fills the atmosphere. The next song is "What a Friend." These songs will outlive generations to come. When sung by a large congregation, an inexplainable sacredness steals over the soul pervading the Christian heart with a sense of security and hope. Certainly He is a Friend indeed, a Rock amidst the waves, though tempest may rage and storms may beat, in Christ is comfort and protection.

After the first prayer Brother Sittner calls on Sister Grace Dufloch of South Dakota to conduct a short testimony service after which Brother Lawrence Davis of North Carolina asks the Burnett sisters trio to sing "A Wayworn Traveler" before he speaks from the text in Genesis, Where Art Thou? He cites to us instances of men called of God.

"The great men of today and of the past did not become great in a moment but it took time. Two things are essential to a successful life. They are the start and patience. First, one must make the start and then patiently pursue the right course." He cites to us characters in the Bible who portrayed beautifully the trait of patience.

An instrumental number by George Barker and Ruth Baldree, playing "Brightly the Rainbow."

The next speaker, Brother James Stephens, reads for a scripture lesson Mark 8:34-38. His subject is "The way of the Cross Leads Home." "The cross which concerns me most this afternoon is the cross upon which Jesus died, thereby opening the way of salvation to all men. One day I came to the crossroads and made my decision to serve God. If we take the cross of Jesus, the trials may come and the cross may be heavy but there is rest at the end of the way. If we follow the way of the cross it will lead us home. One day I expect to trade the cross for a crown, a bright and shining crown and hear Jesus say, 'I have seen you toiling in the battle below, you have fought a good fight'."

Mae Fowler sings next a touching song entitled "Over There."

The next speaker, Brother E. R. Heaton, takes his text from Hosea 6:3. He exhorts the student body to follow the Lord. "If you are not following the Lord this afternoon, you have a weight of sin holding you down. We want to follow the Lord that we might be ready to go with Him. We want to follow the Lord as others have followed the Lord. The Lord spoke to Moses and Moses followed Him. I'd rather know that I was

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Reports

Mission Receipts for Last Quarter, 1937

Alabama	$221.35
Arkansas	17.47
Arizona	14.64
California	63.13
Colorado	2.85
Delaware	2.70
District of Columbia	1.41
Florida	656.42
Georgia	112.74
Idaho	.44
Indiana	44.18
Illinois	66.29
Iowa	2.05
Kansas	3.90
Kentucky	54.15
Louisiana	42.11
Maine	9.66
Maryland	47.92
Michigan	47.53
Mississippi	40.91
Missouri	37.64
Massachusetts	.98
Minnesota	2.97
Montana	7.74
North Carolina	359.92
North Dakota	8.87
New Mexico	21.61
Ohio	102.26
Oklahoma	40.50
Oregon	6.10
Pennsylvania	103.37
South Carolina	385.10
South Dakota	3.25
Tennessee	245.41
Texas	88.94
Virginia	44.72
West Virginia	163.57
Wyoming	.06
Washington	2.47
Colored Work	2.03

Report of District Convention At Slaton, Tex.

We had been praying for this convention long before it began for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost. The power fell Thursday night, Dec. 9, and the altar was filled. Friday night, Dec. 10, we met in the church here at Slaton and all the pastors of this district were here on the job the first night. Brother Gregory preached and the altar was full. The power began to fall again. Brother L. C. Pennington and wife and Miss Bridges were with us. Saturday morning we met at the Slaton club house and people began to come in from other districts. A good crowd was there. Brother L. C. Pennington preached a fine message and we enjoyed it very much. The afternoon service started with a song and testimony service. Brother Peters from Brownfield preached a fine message followed by a message by Brother Homer Smith from Lamesa, which was very good. We met again that evening and Brother Scoggins preached a wonderful sermon. The power fell all during the service and two came to the altar.

Sunday morning we met again and, of course, I had a surprise for them. We had eighty-eight there. I had the teachers take up an offering and got over three dollars for the Sunday School. Brother Scoggins preached that morning first to the members and then to the preachers, which was very much enjoyed. Then we spread dinner on the ground. We had some visitors whom we enjoyed seeing very much, some of them coming from a great distance to be here.

In the afternoon we met again and Brother R. M. Nolen from Lubbock preached and we had a fine service. Many of the people had to go home but we had a large crowd Sunday night. The writer preached. Four were saved Sunday night. It looked like a revival had broken out and Brother Gregory stayed with us and carried the meeting on until Thursday night. During the convention and up to Thursday night seven were saved, four sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Sunday night three were added to the church.

We are getting along just fine. We have built a two-room parsonage, papered the church and put some new lights in it, and God is blessing us. The Willing Workers are busy again. We expect to set three churchs in order on this district some time this year. Pray for us that God will get the glory out of our lives here. The folks here have taken new courage, so come on, you folks in Texas, stand with our state overseer and co-operate with him and do all you can for God and His Church. We have the best thing this side of heaven and let's work together and pray one for another. Pray for us that God will give us souls for our hire.—Faithfully, Roy J. Young, Box 334, Slaton, Texas.

Knoxville, Tenn. Dist. Y. P. E. and S. S. Convention

The Knoxville, Tenn. district Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention convened at the Eighth Avenue Church of God, Dec. 11, 12, with Brother Max Atkins, state superintendent, in charge.

Saturday night, Dec. 11, the Y. P. E. convention opened with a large delegation from most of the churches on the district. A good song service was rendered and prayer was offered for the sick. The Lenoir City quartet was with us and sang several selections which we enjoyed very much. The Lord came on the scene from the beginning and as the congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On" we were made to rejoice in Him for all His wondrous works.

The welcome address was given by the local Y. P. E. president, Donald Biggs, who made everyone feel welcome. Testimony service was conducted by Brother Wesley King of the West Knoxville church in response. Remarks were given by each Y. P. E. president who was present. All reports were good and each president had a new determination to work more for the Lord in the future. More special music was given which was greatly appreciated.

I am sure we are all encouraged more to boost the Lighted Pathway after Brother Cole's wonderful talk on this paper. He encouraged everyone to subscribe for this worthy paper, and I am sure we will work for it more than we have been working.

After this good talk we had more fine singing and Brother Atkins then brought us a thrilling message. I wish all the young people could have heard this message. I wish I could give you this encouraging message. When the service came to a close Saturday night there was a sweet heavenly feeling prevailing, and we could say as Peter when he said, "Master, it is good to be here."

Sunday afternoon at two o'clock the Sunday School opened with a large attendance from most of the churches. The attendance was so good that it just seemed like a regular district convention. Services opened with a song service and special singing from the Lenoir City trio. The power of God surely got hold of men and women's hearts as the trio sang, "Something Got Hold of Me" and they were made to rejoice in Him. Brother Cooper, pastor of the Lenoir City church, gave a splendid talk in behalf of the Sunday School. I am sure if you had heard this talk, you would have learned Brother Cooper's secret of a large Sunday School.

The Burlington duet rendered a thrilling message in song, then Brother Hodges, pastor of the Alcoa church, talked in interest of the Sunday School. The Sunday Schools were reported by the superintendent of each church and a large amount of them had a gain over the month of October and were expecting a still larger gain. After these reports Brother Atkins appointed Brother Dewey Dailey of Maryville as district superintendent.

The convention closed with a greater success than had been expected. God always gives us more than we expect when we are willing to let Him lead us.

Let me say to all the young people, come on and let us take Brother Atkins' closing remarks and boost our Sunday School and Y. P. E. and do our very best to make them count for God this year.

—Myrtle Biggs, clerk of convention, Knoxville, Tenn., 815 Emerson Ave.

Detroit, Mich. Dist. Conv'n.

It would be a difficult task indeed for me to convey to you a message that would enable you to realize the blessedness of the wonderful things that were enjoyed, as the people from this district began to gather at the West Side Church of God on Stanley at 16th St. for our district convention, for one would need to be present to really know the heights of ecstasy, the waves of glory, and the beauty of His presence.

I am sure that even now those of you who attended will rejoice as you reminiscence that blessed time as the heavens came near and God enveloped His people in His glory. Our very much "on the job" and efficient state overseer, Brother Paul H. Walker, was present and did his part to make this an enjoyable as well as beneficial occasion.

From the very first service the Lord revealed Himself to us in the sermon preached by Brother Walker, which was a real beginning for the convention. At the afternoon services Brother Barnard, who is pastor of the East Side Detroit church, spoke to us in a manner that was spiritually uplifting.

Saturday evening was devoted to an evangelistic service. The writer spoke, after which there was a good altar service as the people rejoiced on account of God's blessings on those who were seeking Him.

Sunday was a great day. Brother Florence, the pastor at Pontiac, delivered a beautifully convincing sermon, which was followed by a real soul-searching sermon by our Brother C. R. Cook, who is pastor of the church across the river at Windsor, Ontario, Canada. After lunch was had in the basement, we were courteously served by the entertainment committee, we all returned to the Auditorium and were privileged to hear Sister Kinsley discuss foreign missions and tell of her travels in Africa, as she told the heathen of Jesus the Savior. At the close of this sermon an offering amounting to over thirty dollars was contributed to promote the mission work in foreign fields.

The best wine was saved 'til last and it was served as Brother Walker, our Overseer, spoke to the convention on the important subject, "Divine Government." This sermon was timely and to the point.

As an expression of our appreciation of the state overseer's untiring efforts, an offering of $26.50 was given to him.

When the convention had concluded many were those who said this was the best convention ever held on this district. We were privileged to have Brother Chas. Grifford and his wife on the last day of the convention, and their singing was enjoyed by all.

May God bless each one who attended this meeting and those of you who read this report, and may we all be ready for that wonderful home gathering in the sky.—J. Stewart Brinsfield, district pastor, 5686 16th St., Detroit, Mich.

Enjoys Visits of State Overseer And Revivalist

ARCHIBALD, La.—I praise the Lord for what He means to me. About fifteen years ago He wonderfully saved, sanctified and gave me the precious Holy Ghost.

I thank God for our dear little church here at Archibald and for our pastor, Brother Tom McCarty, also for the privilege of meeting and hearing a good, soul-stirring message from our dear state overseer, Brother Clyde C. Cox, on Dec. 12. It was food to our souls and was enjoyed by both sinners and saints. We give him a hearty welcome and hope we can soon have the privilege of hearing him again here.

We had Brother Wilson Sharp here in August for a few days' meeting and enjoyed his being with us, and the wonderful messages he brought were food to our hungry souls. We hope to have the privilege of having him back again. He gained many friends.

I praise the Lord for healing my two children of chills they had had for about eight weeks. Oh, how I thank Him for His many blessings that come daily to me and my family. Pray for us and for our litt'e church here that it will rise and shine.—Your humble sister in Christ, Mrs. May Porter.

Charleston, S. C. Dist. Conv'n.

The Charleston district convention of the Church of God convened here December 10-12 with great success. Brother A. V. Beaube, state overseer, was in charge.

Friday night the convention opened with songs, prayer and music. A talk was made by the pastor with response by Brothers Goode and Love. We then had a sermon by our state overseer on "The Personality of the Holy Ghost." It was a wonderful message. We enjoyed the refreshings of the Holy Ghost. At the close of the service several fell in the altar crying out for salvation.

Saturday morning's service was enjoyed by all. Brother Mac Hatchel gave a talk, also Brother J. C. Vaughn. Brother Roberts, pastor at Dillon, delivered a message. We were all made to feel just like soldiers of the cross, workers together with God. The evening service was wonderful with special songs, music and praise service. Sister Tula Johnson gave a talk in behalf of the orphan children and an offering was taken which amounted to $10.25. Brother George W. Cooper of Orangeburg brought a message on "The Need of the Hour." After hearing this message we were inclined to believe that heartfelt salvation abiding in the Word was the most needed thing.

Sunday services opened with Sunday School, music and singing. Brother Cashatt made a talk on the Sunday School. If we had no Sunday Schools there would be very few churches. Brother Robert Johnson brought a message. The writer also brought a message.

After the afternoon devotional service, we had a talk by our Y. P. E. state superintendent on the Y. P. E. and the Lighted Pathway. Praise the Lord for our Young People's Endeavor. Sister Etta Parson talked in behalf of the W. W. B. Just give the sisters a chance to work and the church program will go to the front. The state overseer brought a message. After hearing this message we realized that the very smallest member had a work to do in the great Church of God. The anointing of the Holy Ghost was on us from the beginning to the end.

Sunday night we had a special mission service conducted by Brother and Sister Stark, missionaries to Africa. They have the message that the Church needs. An offering of $10.65 was taken up for missions. We got ten new subscriptions for the Evangel and a roll of ten to give away each week. We are endeavoring to be loyal to the Word and subject to them who have the rule over us in the Lord and through the Evangel we are made coworkers together with God. United we stand, divided we fall.

The musicians and singers were at their best. We were all drawn nearer to the Lord and have taken on new courage to press the battle to a finish until we hear the words of the Lord Jesus, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The convention will long be remembered.—Porter M. White, pastor, 30 Grove St., Charleston, S. C.

A Word From Ft. Myers, Fla.

FT. MYERS, Fla.—The Church of God at Ft. Myers thanks the Lord for sending us Brother E. M. Bryant for our pastor. He is surely doing a wonderful work here. He has put new life in the church. We all thank the Lord for him. Please keep praying for us.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ethel Bowen, Tice, Fla.

Meditation is intellectual sanitation that keeps the mind healthy and active.

Report from Church at Nashville, Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—We are glad for the way the Lord is blessing here in West Nashville. Brother Hooper Maxwell came and set the church in order last week. We have a new building, it is small and cheap but we are glad for it. We had services around at the homes for two winters but God gave us all zeal to go. We have nineteen members, four of them have just received the Holy Ghost and are so glad for the blessing.

We have our Y. P. E. organized and the Lord is blessing. We also have Sunday School and hope to get the Junior Endeavor organized soon.

Oh, I thank God because He is sending the good Holy Ghost messages among us and because it ever reached me. When Sister Hester Hall came to Nashville, I knew nothing much about holiness. She went to work and preached holiness to me and lived it around me and somehow I got to where God could speak to my heart, and He saved and sanctified me and gave me the Holy Ghost and the zeal to live for Him. I love the Church of God and love to keep its teachings.

Brother A. V. Beaube was our pastor last year and we miss him. He surely worked to get the churches built here. I am sure he will be a blessing to the state where he is. We all love Brother Hooper Maxwell who took his place. The good messages he has brought have been uplifting to our souls. Brother H. E. Dillinger is to be our pastor in West Nashville and we feel he is a true and humble minister of the Lord.

Please pray that we will stay true and work together, that God will bless us and that the church will grow. Also pray for my family, I am the only one who has the blessing. Pray that I will stay true and that I will draw closer to Him.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Fannie Cable.

Badly in Need of Workers

DRUMRIGHT, Okla.—Dear saints, I live fifty miles from my church and all the sermons I get are through the Church of God Evangel. The sinners want a preacher to come to Drumright and conduct a meeting. Preachers, don't be afraid to go anywhere the Lord leads you.

I went to Muskogee and did not know a soul there. We had a good meeting. I will go to Yahola next. They want me to go and I will go if the Lord wills.

The weather is very bad here and I don't really know any of the saints here and only two or three preachers. The reason I belong to the Church is just because it is right, it just suits me. I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. I believe in people living the life and measuring up to the Word.

The work here went down. We have lost several churches here in the last three years. I would give anything if we had a church in Drumright. My husband is a contractor and meets lots of sinners and they like to come to our house. One man just a few weeks ago came to the house with one of his fingers cut off. He was drunk on dope and was in such pain he could not sit down. He asked us to pray for him and he got better. I told him to lie down so he lay down and asked us to pray for him again. We did and we prayed conviction on him and the Lord really saved him. He is a carpenter and has worked for my husband over ten years. I could tell you of many sinners who have come to us that way and they are saved. Now my husband is saved and sanctified and my ten-year-old son is saved. Praise the Lord. Pray for us.—A humble servant, Mrs. Ella Standley, 313 S. Virginia Ave.

Striving to Do More for the Lord

In July, 1937, Sister Myrtle Whitehead and I began a revival at Gaffney, S. C., Brother L. H. Powell, pastor. We had a very good revival. Twenty-four were saved, sixteen sanctified, twelve were baptized with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church and seven were baptized. There are some fine people at Gaffney.

Our next meeting started at Blacksburg, S. C., Brother S. C. Chambers, pastor, the second Sunday in August. They had the district convention during the revival. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. Brother C. F. Grant, Y. P. E. superintendent, was at his best. We certainly thank the Lord for Brother Grant and his service in the state of South Carolina. We enjoyed having the Burnett sisters with us, also Brother and Sister Waters and Brother J. L. Yates. We enjoyed their good music and singing during this revival. Eighteen were saved, ten sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost.

Rock Hill, S. C. was our next place for a revival. The Lord met with us in every service in a wonderful way. Brother Linwood Jacobs is pastor, he is doing a great work in Rock Hill. This past year, with the co-operation of his good people, they lifted the old debt on the church of $600.00 with $300.00 interest and paid for two lots to build a new church on. We had a great revival. God wonderfully blessed. Twenty-five were saved, seventeen sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost and twelve added to the church. The church at Rock Hill is growing.

On Nov. 3 I went to Wilmington, N. C. for a revival. On account of sickness Sister Myrtle could not be with me. We had an old-fashioned, Pentecostal revival. The fire of the Lord was there. Oh, what a time we had in the Lord. Brother H. T. Durden is pastor and is doing a great work. His radio programs are fine. They have a good string band, quartet and trio in this church. They have a good Y. P. E., also Willing Worker Band. They certainly do work; they have a mind to work. There were twenty saved, ten sanctified. Many were blessed in this revival.

Myrtle and I just closed a successful revival at Belton, S. C. Dec. 19, Brother J. D. Bright, pastor. Much good was accomplished in this meeting. God wonderfully blessed. Twenty-eight were saved, fifteen sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church.

Please pray for us that we will be able to do more for the Lord this coming year. —Your sister, Pauline Jackson, Walhalla, S. C.

California Ministers' Meeting

Sunday morning, Nov. 28, the ministers' meeting and general rally day for the churches in California was held in the Church of God at Baldwin Park.

The meeting got a good start in the song service. The Holy Ghost came down in power. The people sang as though inspired, and truly they were. Shouts and praises filled the auditorium. Some danced, some laughed and most everyone cried as the Holy Ghost made His presence known. The local pastor, Brother Herman Williams, made us feel more welcome by a short welcome address.

Brother Ingram preached on "The Battle is On." He made us feel like fighting harder than ever before for God and the right, as he told of battles fought and victories won in the foreign field. Our hearts cried, O God, help us to be better soldiers for you. God certainly did bless Brother Ingram as he spoke.

At 12:30 p. m. we were dismissed for lunch. The people gathered again at 2:30 p. m. and began the singing and God did bless all the way through. Brother Douglas, our state overseer, preached on "The True Foundation." About midway the sermon the Holy Ghost gave out a message in other tongues which was interpreted. Surely God was saying, This is my Word, hear it. Brother Douglas surely stirred our souls with his Holy-Ghost-filled message.

Four were added to the church at the close of the meeting and we all went out to fight sin with all of our might for God and His great Church.—Hilton Vail, Gen. Del., Imperial, Calif.

REVIVALS

LANCASTER, Ky.—Dear saints, I praise God for our good pastor, Brother Lewis. He has done a wonderful work at Harmons Lick and Crab Orchard. He held a revival at Crab Orchard with ten saved and more looking this way. Please pray for this place and that a church may be set in order. Brother Lewis has organized a Sunday School there and is doing fine. We surely love our pastor and his good wife.

He started a revival at Harmons Lick with Brother Maze of Texas as evangelist. The weather has been so bad the people couldn't attend very much. Brother Lewis has a fine band of saints at Harmons Lick. Don't forget to pray for us, and pray for my unsaved children.—Your sister, Emily Davis, R. F. D. 2.

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HAZARD, Ky.—Sister Bertha Shideler has just closed a revival at Hazard Church of God. She was just getting in a good headway with the revival when she had to go home. We regret that she had to leave but we feel she did a good work. She brought some wonderful messages. We hope everyone who heard them took them to heart and will help build our church up, for the time is here when we need to get on the firing line and stay there regardless of the cost, for it will soon be over. Pray for me that I will be true and faithful.—James Watts, clerk.

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WINDSOR, ONT., Can.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival with Brother and Sister Gillette of South Dakota in charge, who are working in the state of Michigan this year. We thank the Lord for them in Windsor. There were nine saved, a number reclaimed and one filled with the Holy Ghost and the church was greatly strengthened. We also thank God for Brother and Sister Grifford who took charge of the singing. They were a wonderful help in the song and altar service and the Lord surely did bless.

Pray for us at Windsor. — Humbly yours, S. Chadwick, clerk.

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CATLETTSBURG, Ky. — Brother R. D. Sweat of Louisville, Ky. started a meeting at this place Aug. 23 but had to leave on account of sickness on Sept. 1. Large crowds were attending and the interest was good. Brother M. M. Mortenson and his wife took this meeting over Sept. 7 and ran it until Sept. 18, during which time two were saved and two reclaimed. The good music furnished and the inspiring sermons of both brethren were more than appreciated. We feel that good seed were sown in this community which will be of great benefit to the church. Members of other churches came out and helped in the meeting, and although the devil fought hard, we believe that good results were accomplished. We also appreciate the visits of the members of the Huntington, W. Va. church. Pray much that God will continue to bless.—W. G. Lighte, pastor.

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I am glad for the wonderful meeting just closed at our little church at Wineoak, West Virginia. The preaching was done by Brother R. H. Tadlock and he brought forth the Word with power and made it plain. The Holy Ghost took complete charge from the very first night, the altar was full every night of the meeting. The saints who had gone back in sin prayed through to victory and are on fire for God.

Please pray for our little church that God will have His way in our lives. We built our church a few years ago and did not have it finished. When Brother Tadlock came he took hold of the work and raised enough material and paint to finish the church. We praise the Lord for men like Brother Tadlock, for he surely works for the church. Six were saved, six sanctified, eight baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. Brother R. H. Tadlock's address is 1329 1-2 W. Indian St., Evansville, Ind.—Your brother, C. J. Norris, clerk, Giatto, W. Va.

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CRESSLEY CORNER, Pa.—God is still blessing at Cressley Corner Church of God. We started a revival Nov. 17 with Brother Verrico and his band of workers in charge. God surely did bless our souls. Brother Verrico, Brother Skutar and Brother Frank Petriccelli did the preaching. The meeting lasted four weeks in which fifteen were saved, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church, for which we praise the Lord. We surely thank the Lord for Brother Verrico, his wife and helpers. They can surely sing and play music. They have a bass drum, one small drum, one guitar and one mandolin. Brother Roland Verrico's address is 328 Park St., Rochester, Pa.—O. S. Shreve, pastor, Barnesboro, Pa., Rt. 2, Box 114.

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BLUE DIAMOND, Ky. — We praise God for the good, old-time power that we have in our midst. We recently closed a revival conducted by Brother W. G. Lane with ten saved, nine sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and seven added to the church. We have the old-time Pentecostal fire in our services and are expecting this to be a great year with the church. Pray much for us that we will keep the burning zeal in our hearts and hold up Jesus before this lost and dying world.—Your brother in Christ, Ancy Baker.

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ELDORADO, Ill.—We praise God for the old-time power and victory. We have just closed a revival with thirty-six saved, thirty-one sanctified, thirty filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-three added to the church; eighteen of this number being men and boys. We expect this to be a great year with the church in Eldorado.—G. C. Dunn, pastor.

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CARLSBAD, N. Mex. — Truly we thank the Lord for the good revival He gave us. During the three and one-half weeks fourteen were filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, as well as the entire church being revived. Brother George Lytle and Sister Mary Henson were in charge. They are good workers. The Holy Ghost would take charge at different times and fill the altar with seekers and leave the evangelist with his message for the next night. Pray for us.—Sincerely, W. W. Smethers, pastor.

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MONROE, N. C.—We just closed a revival Dec. 12 with the blessings of the Lord in our midst. Brother L. H. Powell of Belmont, N. C. did the preaching. It seemed at times heaven was near us. Seven were saved, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. Brother Linwood Jacobs of Rock Hill, S. C. and his band were with us one night and rendered some soul-stirring songs and music. Brother Jacobs brought the message and the Lord surely did bless. We want them to come again. Pray for us in Monroe.—Yours under the blood, T. V. McCormick, pastor, Gen. Del.

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SWEETWATER, Tenn.—Our revival came to a close Sunday night, Dec. 26. The Lord's presence was with us from the very first service. Seventeen were saved, eight sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. We were glad to have Brother Max L. Atkins, state Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent, and his wife with us. They were with us three nights. We were fortunate to have Brother and Sister Martin to help us in the music and singing. We had Brother Cooper and his quartet from Lenoir City one night. They sang good songs of Zion and God blessed. We feel this revival has not only been a blessing to the church but to the town. Our Sunday School has made a large increase. We had 140 in Sunday School last Sunday. This is good for Sweetwater, I think. The writer did the preaching. Pray much for us.—J. W. Maness, pastor.

Requests

Please pray earnestly that God will save my brothers, sister and brother-in-law. I also have a very urgent request for prayer, God knows all about it. Pray for my husband's people and that my husband will get stronger in faith.—Mrs. F. E. Newby, Rt. 1, Cairo, Ga.

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Dear saints, please pray for me that the Lord will restore me to His fold. I need God's help. I once served Him and had the Comforter abiding in my soul. I have T. B. and my breath seems short at times. Please pray that the Lord will completely heal this body of mine.—Mrs. Loretta Gordon, Manchester, Ala.

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I ask every Christian to pray that God will heal my tonsils and eyes.—Yours truly, Miss Grace Braswell, Rt. 1, Lawrenceville, Ga.

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Please pray a special prayer for my niece who is in a serious condition with leakage of the heart. Also pray for her father and mother who need prayer, they have a large family.—Mrs. G. W. Baize, 702 Bell Ave., Dyersburg, Tenn.

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Dear readers, please pray an earnest prayer for my mother who fell and cut her leg. She is not able to walk, but the God we serve is able to heal if our faith is only strong enough. Also remember my unsaved sisters and brothers in prayer that God will save them.—Marvin Little, B. T. S.

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The Church of God at Norfolk, Va. has begun a revival. The church has been in a rundown condition for a long time and a revival is needed. Please pray for the revival that many souls will be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brother J. L. Dalton is in charge. —Elton West, clerk, Norfolk, Va.

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As we enter a revival at Twila, Ky. we desire your prayers that God will give us the victory and many souls. L. S. Cooper of Mississippi is doing the preaching, also he is our state superintendent of Y. P. E. and Sunday School. We are proud of him. Pray for us.—Pastor, Edd Cox, Twila, Ky.

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Please pray that God will provide a way so we can get to a place where we can go to church and Sunday School. Pray for the unsaved in my home. Pray a special prayer for my husband that he will accept the Lord again. Pray for the healing of my neck, I have a goitre and it gives me trouble. Pray that I will ever be a true and willing worker for the Lord.—Mrs. Mamie Cox, Rt. 3, Pulaski, Va.

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Please pray for my family and especially my children that the Lord will take charge and have His own way. Pray for my companion, he has nervous spells. —Mrs. G. W. Whitlow, Rock, W. Va.

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Dear saints, I have some bodily afflictions that no medical aid or human efforts can reach. Please pray for me that I may reach the place where I can believe and trust the Lord for a complete healing. I also have other requests that I am holding in secret with God. Please help me put them before the Lord, He knows what they are, His will be done. —Your brother in Christ, Henry E. Watts, Rt. 1, Centreville, Ala.

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I covet your prayers for my body and soul. Pray for my sinner husband that God will lift him out of sin. Pray for our little church here at Isaban, W. Va., also our Sunday School and Y. P. E. that they will rise and shine. We believe a revival is needed here, pray that we will have one and lost souls will come to the Lord.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Zelphia Phillips, Isaban, W. Va.

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Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for me, I have bad stomach trouble. I want to get out in the work so badly.—Your brother in Him, E. M. Horne, Honea Path, S. C.

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I have been ruptured for sixteen months, so please pray that God will touch my body and I will be completely healed. Also pray that God will send someone to open a mission in this city. —W. A. Cupp, 604 South Kent St., Winchester, Va.

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Brother C. D. Foshee of Jellico, Tenn. has been seriously ill with rheumatic fever. He is some better but still needs your prayers.—M. P. Cross.

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Pray for my home. Also pray for my son and his wife that they will be saved and their home will be a happy one. Pray for me as I have high blood pressure and a bad heart.—Mrs. John Crews, Powhatan, Ala.

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We are in the midst of a revival with Brother L. M. Justice doing the preaching. Thirteen have been saved, ten sanctified and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. God surely is blessing. We request the prayers of the saints that God will open up a way that we may have a new church building in the near future. Also pray for the success of our revival and that God will heal my body. I have been suffering for some time.—Cassie Hammons, clerk, Bonny Blue, Va.

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Please continue to pray for me. I am better. Brother Rouse, I thank you for the anointed cloth, I began to improve the day I received it and am lots better now. Please continue to pray that my body will be completely healed and I will stay in the Lord's will. Pray that my family will get saved.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. R. A. White, Donalsonville, Ga., Rt. 1.

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Dear saints, I have acid blood. When I eat sweets something comes out on me like something has bitten me and it stings like nettles, but goes away in a few moments. Listen, I know God can heal me of that and I know He will, so please pray that God will heal me completely of everything so I can be free to work for Him. We are in Milam, Ga. in a revival. It has been going four weeks. This is a new field where they don't know God or anything about the Church of God, and the people here surely need help and need God. Pray for us while in this battle for God at this place. Pray that we will stay in His will and He will give us a work here, then we will move on to another place.—Your faithful servant, John H. Ming, Gen. Del., Milam, Ga.

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Dear saints, please pray for my daughter and son-in-law that they will come back to the Lord. They once had the Holy Ghost but are now in sin. Also pray for my twelve-year-old daughter that she will get stronger in the Lord. Pray for my wife and me, also pray for the revival here at Sumiton as there has been a hindrance. Pray much for this place.—W. Jarvis, Sumiton, Ala.

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I praise God for the way He is blessing in a new work here at Carlisle, Pa. I feel it will encourage souls to press on and those who have God's call to get in the field. I just started services in the name of the Lord after praying through. God's power is falling and there is heavy conviction. Three have been saved, two sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The altar is full of believers tarrying for the blessed Gift. The devil tried to prevent services by accident but we saints held to God in prayer. God moved and the victory is ours. As God leads I'm expecting the great Church of God to be set in order in Carlisle, Pa. Remember me in prayer. Everybody is welcome to come and eat of the heavenly things.—Yours in His service, Sister Margaret Helman, evangelist, 1316 1-2 James St., Harrisburg, Pa.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOD-SENT MINISTER

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instead of being servants themselves. Our mission is to be a blessing instead of a burden. My motto is (and I am persuaded to believe that it is backed up by the Word of God), Seek God for power to serve mankind, letting our own temporal needs come secondary and when we have benefited someone, automatically the tide will turn and those temporal things which God said, He knew we had need of before we asked, will be given to sustain us. Jesus told His disciples once that if God so clothed the grass of the field, which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe thee, O you of little faith.

I have known of instances when the minister would make certain propositions and insinuate that if they were not responded to that he would leave. Beware, Church of God folks, lest haply we find ourselves overcome by the same spirit Isaiah spoke of in his description of a class of prophets. Isa. 56:10, 11, "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough. And they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter."

Eighteen years ago when I first obtained this wonderful experience of full salvation and became a member of the Church of God the burning zeal which possessed God's people to carry the glad tidings of great joy to all people, was so intense that seemingly no one stopped to parley about where their temporal provisions were coming from, but with the tread of conquerors they went forth with the blood-stained banner of King Jesus unfurled, willing to bear persecutions and hardships while they were comforted by the scripture when Jesus said, "If ye suffer with me ye shall also reign with me." What mattered if their wardrobe consisted of only a few necessary pieces, and their way of conveyance to and from services a 2-horse wagon or a shackily Ford? Their peace of mind and soul satisfaction came not in their many changes of raiment but in the wholehearted service of the Lord. A set price of so many dollars for an evangelist before he could be persuaded to come would have been regarded as greed for filthy lucre.

I have heard children of God quote the scripture which says, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land," and make the remark that God's children are entitled to the best. Beloved, I feel that scripture has a spiritual application. If we be willing and obedient, I believe we will have some experiences like unto the great Apostle Paul, who when he was ready to be offered up gave such a pronounced testimony of his fidelity to Christ.

In 2 Cor. 6:1-10 Paul's exhortation to the ministry bears out the thought of the text. "We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain . . . . Giving no offense in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of God, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. By honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true. As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things." Amen.

A FAT SOUL

BINGHAM O'NEIL

In the Bible we find a verse of scripture which reads like this, *"Eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."* I realize this is an odd subject, however it has a Bible foundation.

In this age of science and learning much is being done and said about the care of the body. In our public schools the children are being taught just what kinds of foods to eat and when to eat them. The doctors are daily writing prescriptions and giving advice in regard to the care of the body. I believe it is our Christian duty to take care of the body, however we should do this according to the Bible. In the fifth chapter of James you will find a mighty good prescription. Read it and obey it and it will bring health and happiness to you.

"Eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." Now we come to that part of man which will live on throughout all eternity, therefore we should take the advice given and let our soul expand and delight itself in fatness. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Many people seem to think they can do as they please about obeying the Word of God. They seem to be perfectly content to obey part of the Bible and leave the rest alone. Glory to God, I feel something in my soul now. It will pay one and all to walk in the light. The Bible says, "If we walk in the light, as he (God) is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Many times when the Church of God, paying tithes, sanctification and other Bible doctrines are being taught we can hear people say, "I can't understand," or "I haven't got light on that." Go with me to John's writing and let's see what he said. "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost."

If you want a fat soul begin now to obey God's Word. Many ministers stand behind the sacred desk today and almost preach their lives away pleading and persuading their flock to obey the voice of the Lord and be loyal to the church. Yet in spite of all this some will disregard all his counsel and advice. What is the result? They grow lean in their souls. The devil has sapped their joy and henceforth they are good for nothing but to be trodden under foot of man.

Someone said, "I would like to have a little scripture to prove such hard sayings as that." All right, here it is. Does the Bible not teach that the Christian people are the salt of the earth, and that if salt has lost its savour that it is good for nothing but to be trodden under the foot of man?

Let us all live true, be humble, and eat that which is good then when we come to the end of the way we will have joy in our souls and can say with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, ... and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing."

CONVENTION DATES

California state convention, Huntington Beach, Calif. ..... Jan. 21-23
J. E. Douglas, state overseer

Bahamas ..... January 20-23, inc.
W. R. Franks, overseer

Haiti ..... February 11-13, inc.
J. Vital Herne, overseer

Jamaica ..... February 18-20, inc.
H. A. Hudson, overseer

Tennessee state convention.....May 26-29
Place to be announced later.
M. P. Cross, state overseer

North Central camp meeting (Michigan and Ontario); June 18-26, inc., Lake Odessa, Mich. Paul H. Walker, overseer.

Usually the person with a lazy, inactive mind has a tongue that works overtime but usually has to work without joy.

Obituaries

TIDWELL

Little Barbara Ruth Tidwell, daughter of Brother and Sister U. D. Tidwell of Kannapolis, N. C., died Christmas day following a short illness of bronchial pneumonia. She was three years and seven months old. Funeral services were held in both the Church of God in Atlanta with Brother W. T. Nelson officiating and in the Methodist church in Bushnell, Fla. with Brother Ed Williams officiating there. Interment was made in the Tema cemetery.—Miss Beulah Hunt, Atlanta, Ga.

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BITTINGER

Leonard Bittinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob R. Bittinger of Thompson Cross Roads, was born May 13, 1934 and departed this life Dec. 20, 1937, age three years, seven months and seven days. The funeral rites were conducted by the writer and interment was in the Fairview cemetery at Masontown, Pa.—Bun E. Hicks, Uniontown, Pa.

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CLARK

Our precious Sister Rosana Clark died Dec. 9, 1937. She was a member of the Church of God at Providence, N. C. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Brother W. D. Lowder, and her body laid to rest in the Liberty Hill cemetery.—A sister in Christ, Bessie Barbee.

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ADAM

Our dear Sister Rosa Spry Adam, age sixty-nine years, four months and seventeen days departed this life Dec. 8, 1937. She was a member of the Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor.—Carl A. Stanley, Winchester, Ky.

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SIMPKINS

Sister Ida Simpkins, wife of Bishop Noah Simpkins of Noah, Ky., deceased this life Dec. 27, 1937. She was added to the Church of God in February, 1930. The funeral services were conducted by the writer and Brother C. H. Blankenship of Mud Fork, W. Va. and she was laid to rest in the cemetery at Stone, Ky. —E. R. Noel, Lenore, W. Va.

REQUEST

Saints, my little eight-month-old baby has a severe cold. Pray that God will heal it. Also pray for me and my husband that we will get closer to the Lord. —Mrs. Bruce Rollins, Whitwell, Tenn.

NOTICES

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To all the sick and afflicted, greetings. I am on my way to pray for a man in Sulphur Springs, Texas, also two calls in Florida. I will give an instance of healing that took place in Findlay, Ohio to increase your faith in God. A blind woman came for her eyesight after the message in the healing service and received instant healing and could see clearly.

Below is the route of my trip for the next few days on my way to Texas:

Jan. 12, 13, Urbana, Ill.; Jan. 14, Lawrenceville, Ill.; Jan. 15, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Jan. 16, Bonne Terre, Mo.; Jan. 17, Cantwell, Mo.; Jan. 18, Vicksburg, Mo.; Jan. 19, Deering, Mo.; Jan. 20, Burdette, Ark.; Jan. 21, Marked Tree, Ark.; Jan. 22, Forrest City, Ark.; Jan. 23, Bauxite, Ark.; Jan. 24, Ada, Okla.; Jan. 25, Paris, Texas; Jan. 26, Ferris, Texas; Jan. 27, 28, Sulphur Springs, and a few other churches in Texas, then start for our trip to Florida, going by the way of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. If any one is interested in me stopping and praying for the sick, write me at Forrest City, Ark., Gen. Del.—Brother L. G. Rouse.

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To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from 617 Bryant St., Bessemer, Ala. to 527 McAdory Ave., Bessemer, Ala.—L. W. Ledbetter.

The man who thinks as he should will rarely act as he should not.

W. W. B. Working

DETROIT, Mich.—The West Side Willing Worker Band of Detroit is moving on. Some of the sisters made tiny aprons; others handed them out. Each apron was to be returned on Dec. 6 with our waistline in pennies. Dec. 6 Sister Waldron and Sister Brinsfield gave a very interesting program. An amount of over $25.00 was turned in in the aprons. We have placed in our pastor's home a new living room suit and rug.

Pray for us willing workers that we may continue to have fellowship one with another as Jesus told us to. Praise God. —Mae Walsh, 1438 17th St.

RADIO BROADCASTS

WWNC—A. V. Childers, pastor, Biltmore, N. C., D. B. Yow, pastor, W. Asheville, N. C., each Saturday 7:00 to 7:30 a. m.

WFBC—Earl P. Paulk, pastor, Greenville, S. C., 1300 kilocycles, each Sunday 5:00 to 6:00 p. m., E.S.T.

WRGA—A. H. Batts, pastor, Rome, Ga., 1500 kilocycles, every other Monday at 4:30 p. m., starting Dec. 6.

WSBC—Sister Amelia Shumaker in charge, Chicago, Ill., 1210 kilocycles, each Wednesday, 11:00 p. m. to 12:00 midnight.

Broadcast over WMFD has been changed from 3:30-4:00 p. m. to 2:30-3:00 p. m. each Sunday, E.S.T., 1370 kilocycles.—H. T. Durden, pastor.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., each Sunday 3:15-4:15 p. m., 1500 kilocycles. District pastors in charge.—W. E. Johnson, district pastor.

Over WEBJ, Harrisburg, Ill., each Monday 3:00-3:45 p. m., 1210 kilocycles.—J. R. Thomas, state overseer.

Over KLCN, Blytheville, Ark., each Sunday, 4:15-4:45 p. m., C.S.T., 1290 kilocycles. Brother and Sister C. E. French in charge.

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EDITORIALS

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her mother and said, "I want to go to sleep but I haven't prayed yet." What a glorious thought it is that these little fellows learn to appreciate prayer so much. Just recently I was told of a little four-year-old girl who had gone to spend the night at her grandmother's home. When the family was preparing to retire they all got down to have family prayer. This little girl dropped on her knees and prayed just a few words then jumped up, got the Bible and climbed up into a chair, saying, "Mother always reads the Bible before she prays and I'm going to read." Of course she did not know how to read but she opened the Bible and began to repeat the things that she had heard her mother read in the Bible, and you would be surprised at her knowledge of the Word. After the prayer was over and all the rest had retired, she lingered for quite a few minutes as one of her aunts read the Bible and she seemed intensely interested and could understand much of it as it was explained to her. The impression made on this little girl by the faithfulness of her mother reading the Word of God and praying will never be stamped out of her mind. In my opinion, when she reaches the age of responsibility, this will be a lamp to her feet to guide her right and when she becomes a responsible woman this will be one of the things that will shape her life. There is nothing that is worth so much to a child as the memory of mother's prayers. I believe that the neglect of prayer is the reason there is so much sin and carelessness in the world today among our young people, and especially the lax condition among the girls. Think of a child never hearing its mother pray, but only remembering her makeup and worldly dress. How can we expect the girlhood of our country to be sober and virtuous, reared in homes without God with no divine impression made on their minds?

Prayer has a wonderful effect on the human family and often in the midst of sinful pleasures, people are stricken with conviction and are led to seek God. I think the most important thing for the home and church is prayer.

BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

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following the Lord this afternoon than anything else in the world."

The Florida girls trio sings next "A Friend Indeed."

Brother Sittner calls on Brother Milligan to pray as the student body kneels.

The last speaker is Brother Joel Brown, who reads Matt. 18:1-4 for a scripture and takes his text from Luke 14:11.

"Without the spirit of humility in our lives we cannot obtain much power with God. A beautiful example of humility is Jesus Himself. The fame and Christian activity of many others known throughout the world is because they were humble in spirit, willing to serve and suffer. God help us to recognize the need of humility in our lives today instead of having self interests and selfish motives in view. The spirit of humility will bring about results."

In closing Sister Swiger, one of the teachers, pronounces the benediction.

MISSION PAGE

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next Matt. 21:13, "My house is the house of prayer," he strongly impressed on the saints that such a house demands reverence, respect and order from the worshipers for, having been set apart as God's house, it is sacred. In concluding he referred to the amount of idle conversation and gossip that is frequently carried on by the Lord's people in His house, which thing ought not to be. The sermon proved to be a very helpful and inspiring message.

The hymn, "Built on the Rock" from Soul Inspiring Songs was now sung, during which the offering was taken.

Then followed the dedication proper and the dedicatory prayer. After a hymn, Bishop Ford extended the invitation upon which one backslider returned to God. To Him be the praise and the glory! This concluded the service and Brother Winter remained for the night service.

This is a hard field and we earnestly solicit the prayers of the saints on behalf of Pastor Bannister in this sphere of labor. — Your brother, A. W. Howell Rock.

Plenty of Work to be Done

BRUNI, Tex.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings. Just a few words to say pray for us here. We are in a wide area which is untouched by the Church of God; it is about one hundred seventy-five miles to the nearest church. I receive lots of work to do; made my acquaintance in a Full Gospel church last evening by a sermon. Several hungry hearts earnestly sought the Lord. I believe I can see plenty of work to be done. My hope is to see the Church break forth as the morning sun. Of course, it takes time to sow some seed, wisdom to help the people see, and prayer, so please pray for us.

Workers, this is a needy field here.

With love to all the Evangel family, E. E. Malone, Box 92.

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Evangel Subscriptions As They Stood January 6th

Below is a list of the number of subscriptions going to the different states as the count was made January 6, 1938. We had planned to put the list in the January 1st issue but did not get to count them until the 6th. The list will be counted and the figures published at the beginning of each quarter. The next list will appear in the Evangel the first of April.

We are giving the number of Evangels going to the different states in rolls this time. By the time the next list appears in the paper, the contest will have been under way long enough that we will be justified in making a checkup on the number of new rolls that merit a place or to be numbered in the regular subscription list.

	Subscriptions	Increase	Decrease	Rolls
North Carolina	638		55	126
Florida	612		200	57
South Carolina	508		4	22
Georgia	502		19	
Alabama	366		16	147
Kentucky	301	5		54
Tennessee	295	2		230
West Virginia	249		1	134
Texas	243		19	49
Mississippi	206		49	
Ohio	154		6	44
Virginia	139		24	22
Missouri	136		27	
Arkansas	125		25	12
Illinois	116		11	48
Pennsylvania	110		27	48
Oklahoma	93	1		25
Michigan	91		1	38
Louisiana	90	10		
North Dakota	90		49	
South Dakota	69	7		
Maryland	67		15	
California	60	1		
New Mexico	41		4	10

	Subscriptions	Increase	Decrease	Rolls
Montana	35	1		
Indiana	33	3		20
Kansas	30		2	10
Arizona	28	10		
Minnesota	26	6		
Maine	21	6		22
Nebraska	21	3		
Delaware	13	1		10
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New York	7	1		
Oregon	7	3		10
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New Jersey	3		1	
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Wisconsin	3	1		
Connecticut	1			
Nevada	1			
TOTAL	5597			1154

How Will Your State be Standing in April?